



In The 'Craziest Places'

## Baptist Churches Have Beginning

By Tim Nicholas  
For Baptist Press  
Southern Baptist home missionary  
Lavern Inzer got a surprise when he  
went to an abandoned mine site to  
pick up a supposed tool shed he plan-  
ned to convert into a temporary sanc-  
tuary for the Reese - Antelope Valley  
Chapel in Nevada.

On one door of the 12' x 12' frame  
building was a sign saying "Men,"  
and on the other door was the word,

"Women."  
Inzer said he was "determined to  
have the wash house building, be-  
cause we needed it for the Lord's  
work."

"We lifted it on the flatbed truck  
after knocking loose the fixtures and  
carried it 100 miles back to the Val-  
ley."

The Reese - Antelope congregation  
had its record attendance of 44 one  
Sunday when they were still meeting

in the wash house, Inzer recalled,  
"even though we have our own build-  
ing now." There are only 15 families  
living in the valley, he added.

Before they obtained the wash  
house, the chapel members met in a  
line shack formerly used by cowboys  
for overnight stopovers during cattle  
drives. When the ranch was sold, the  
congregation had to find another  
meeting place. The wash house was a  
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SBC Structure Basically Sound

## Restructure Recommendations Made By 'Committee Of 15'

By W. C. Fields  
Direct'or, Baptist Press  
NASHVILLE (BP) — A four - year  
study of the national agencies of the  
Southern Baptist Convention reports  
that the denominational structure is  
basically sound but presents 22 recom-  
mendations for improvements and  
agency trustees to give attention to  
97 "areas of concern."

The Committee of Fifteen released  
its report which will be acted on by  
the Executive Committee of the  
Southern Baptist Convention (SBC)  
when it meets here Feb. 18-20. E. W.  
Price Jr. of High Point, N. C., is Com-  
mittee of Fifteen chairman.

Most of the committee's 22 recom-  
mendations deal with internal opera-  
tions of the agencies and relationships  
to be worked out between agencies, or

call for the agencies to make further  
studies.

If approved by the Executive Com-  
mittee, seven of the recommendations  
would be passed on to the 1974 annual  
meeting of the Southern Baptist Con-  
vention in Dallas, June 11-13.

The seven include a recommenda-  
tion for a major review of Southern  
Baptist strategy in home and foreign  
missions by a special convention com-  
mittee which would report back to  
the convention in June, 1976.

A separate but related recom-  
mendation asks convention authorization  
for a re-examination of mission edu-  
cation by the five agencies involved.

The report recommends a change in  
the program statement of the Southern  
Baptist Foundation to enable it to  
work jointly with Baptist state found-

ations to raise money from private  
sources for both the SBC and state  
conventions.

Another proposed action calls for  
the denomination's Education Com-  
mission to begin moving toward  
a goal of half of its financial support

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## Church-State Meet Set For Orlando Feb. 4-5

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) —  
Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr., chairman of  
the Senate Subcommittee on Constitu-  
tional Rights, will keynote the 26th  
National Conference on Church and  
State, to be held in Orlando, Florida,  
February 4 and 5. Sen. Ervin will  
speak on "Our Basic Liberties." An-  
other featured speaker at the confer-  
ence will be Paul Slanshard, noted  
author of *American Freedom and  
Catholic Power* and other books. Slan-  
shard will speak on "Our Battle with  
Clerical Power."

The Conference is sponsored by  
Americans United for Separation of  
Church and State, the national reli-  
gious liberty organization headquarter-  
ed in Silver Spring, Maryland. The  
conference will be welcomed to Or-  
lando by Bishop Joel D. McDavid, bis-  
hop of the Florida area of the United  
Methodist Church.

Americans United's annual Reli-  
gious Liberty Citation will be made at  
the conference to the Rev. Jack  
Eppes, executive secretary of United  
Christian Action of Florida.

Dr. Robert Spivey, chairman of the

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## Southeastern Seminary Head To Retire

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)—Olin  
T. Binkley, president of Southeastern  
Baptist Theological Seminary here  
since Feb. 1963, will retire Aug. 1,  
1974.

Binkley, 65, is completing 41 years  
as a pastor, teacher and administra-  
tor. He first joined Southeastern in  
1952 as a professor of Christian ethics  
and sociology and was named acade-  
mic dean in 1958.

Before coming to Southeastern Sem-  
inary, Binkley was professor of so-  
ciology and ethics at Southern Baptist  
Theological Seminary.

Previously he headed the depart-  
ment of religion at Wake Forest Col-  
lege (now Wake Forest University).  
He served as a lecturer in sociology  
at the University of North Carolina  
at Chapel Hill, and was pastor of Chapel  
Hill Baptist Church, Chapel Hill,  
N. C., and associate pastor of Calvary  
Baptist Church, New Haven, Conn.

A native of Harmony, N. C., Bink-  
ley earned a bachelor of arts degree  
from Wake Forest College, a bachel-  
or of theology degree from Southern  
Seminary and a bachelor of divinity  
degree from Yale Divinity School.

He also has a doctor of philosophy  
degree from Yale University.

## New Hospital Construction On Schedule

After one year of construction, the  
new Mississippi Baptist Hospital is on  
schedule toward a target date of De-  
cember 1975, according to hospital  
administrator Paul J. Pryor.

Jack Schell, project supervisor for  
the Turner Construction Company,  
Cincinnati, said the over - all project  
is 40% complete and the basic struc-  
ture of the building is 75% finished.

"We have completed the sub - base-  
ment, subway level and first four  
floors," said Schell, "and framing of  
the fifth floor is underway. We should  
top out on schedule by March 1."

He estimated that 21,000 cubic yards  
of concrete have been poured for the  
structure which, when complete, will  
call for a total pouring of 30,000 cubic  
yards of concrete.

The building already stands 85 feet  
tall but does not appear that high to  
passing motorists on North State Street  
because it is rising from an excavation  
30 feet deep. In its finished form,  
the building will have a height of 150  
feet.

The placement of pre - cast con-  
crete slabs at the hospital exterior  
already has begun and is scheduled  
for completion by April 1, 1974, ac-  
cording to Schell.

These slabs are four inches thick,  
four feet wide and 16 feet high, and it  
will take approximately 1,000 to cover  
the hospital exterior, Schell said.

"These exterior slabs," said Schell,

"will give the hospital an appearance  
similar to that of the new State Office  
Building, or Sillers Building, near  
the State Capital."

Meanwhile, workmen are re-lo-  
cating a 24 - inch water main under  
Manship Street between State and  
President Streets. The main,  
now near the surface, will be re-po-  
sitioned 20 feet deeper.

The lower location, said Schell, will  
accommodate the foundation of the  
large two - level parking garage to  
be built just south of the new hospi-  
tal.

Schell said the construction of the  
parking garage is presently expected  
to begin in early 1974 and has a com-  
pletion target date of July, 1974.

The number of construction workers  
is now at a peak figure of about 350  
workmen and will stay at this peak  
figure through February, Schell said.

## NOVEMBER 26-30 IS DATE SET FOR 1974 BAPTIST MEN'S CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON — The first World Conference of Baptist Men will be  
held in Hong Kong, November 26-30, 1974.

Robert S. Denny, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance,  
said that the date is one week later than that announced earlier.

The change was requested by Hong Kong hotels in order to accom-  
modate a larger number of visitors.

Denny and Jack Jones, conference coordinator for the BWA Men's  
Department, visited Hong Kong in mid-November for conferences with  
David Y. K. Wong, chairman of the Men's Department, and hotel man-  
agers.

On their return to Washington they conferred with other Men's De-  
partment officers, Owen Cooper, secretary, and Floyd Harris, treasurer,  
and initiated a mail poll of committee members.

An attendance of 1000 is expected for the conference.

Primary emphasis on attendance will be directed to lay men and  
to Asia.

The men's conference will be the second major world Baptist meet-  
ing in 1974. The 8th Baptist Youth World Conference will meet at Port-  
land, Oregon, USA, July 31-August 4, with an attendance of 10,000 ex-  
pected.

## Baptists Join In Forming National PEARL Coalition

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP) — Twenty-  
eight religious, educational and civil  
liberties groups formally organized a  
new National Coalition for Public  
Education and Religious Liberty  
(PEARL).

President of National PEARL is  
Suffragan Bishop John Walker of the  
Washington Cathedral (Episcopal).  
Leo Pfeffer, a nationally - recognized  
constitutional expert in the field of  
church - state litigation, is counsel for  
the group.

The Baptist Joint Committee on  
Public Affairs and the Christian Life  
Commission of the Missouri Baptist  
Convention are charter members of  
the coalition. James E. Wood Jr., the  
joint committee's executive director,  
served on the planning committee that  
brought the organization into ex-  
istence. He will continue to serve on  
the executive committee.

The purpose of the coalition is  
to support public education and reli-  
gious liberty and to oppose government  
aid to nonpublic schools.

National PEARL will maintain an  
office in the building of the National  
Education Association in the nation's  
capital. An executive director will be  
employed in the near future.

For the past several years, local  
and state PEARL organizations have  
operated, but there has been no na-  
tional unit to coordinate the efforts of  
the various independent groups. The  
local and state PEARL organizations  
will remain independent but coor-  
perate with National PEARL.

Consultations for more than a year  
produced a consensus that a na-  
tional organization is needed to coor-

dinate state and federal efforts on  
items of mutual interest for the pro-  
tection of public education and reli-  
gious liberty. A preliminary conference  
was held in Washington on March 12,  
1973, attended by 75 persons from 50  
organizations. The formal organiza-  
tion of National PEARL is a direct  
outgrowth of that conference.

When the new office is opened and  
the executive director begins work,  
National PEARL will perform three  
major functions: (1) Collect and dis-  
seminate information on proposals for

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## World Baptists Called To Special Prayer On Feb. 3

WASHINGTON, D. C. (BP) —Robert  
S. Denny, Baptist World Alliance  
general secretary, has called on Bat-  
tists around the world to "pray for  
fellow believers in difficult circum-  
stances," during BWA Sunday, Feb.  
3, 1974. Theme for this year's obser-  
vance is "Reconciliation: God's Gift  
— Our Task."

Denny suggested that "sermons on  
that day should call attention to  
the oneness of our people in Jesus  
Christ." He said services may be  
more meaningful if persons of other  
nationalities were invited as special  
guests.

Twenty - eight million baptized be-  
lievers in 95 Baptist conventions and  
unions in 75 countries cooperate in the  
work of the Alliance "to show the es-  
sential oneness of Baptist people in  
the Lord Jesus Christ," Denny said.

## Religious Educators To Meet In Biloxi

"Developing a Dynamic Church"  
will be the theme of the annual meet-  
ing of the Mississippi Baptist Reli-  
gious Education Association, to be  
held at the Sheraton in Biloxi, Feb-  
ruary 7, 8, and 9.

The meeting will begin Thursday  
afternoon at 1 o'clock and end Satur-  
day morning at 11:30.

Key speakers will include Dr.  
James L. Sullivan, executive secre-  
tary, Baptist Sunday School Board,  
Nashville; Dr. Leroy Ford, professor  
at Southwestern Seminary, Fort  
Smith; and Bill Halbert, consultant  
in church administration, Baptist Sun-  
day School Board.

Dr. Sullivan will be the speaker for  
the banquet at First Church, Biloxi,  
on Friday evening and will also bring  
the closing message on Saturday  
morning. In addition, Long Beach  
and Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg  
groups will entertain at the banquet.

Others on program will be Thel-  
ma Williamson, associate, Sunday  
School Department, MBCE; Wayne  
Ward, music director, Bowmar Ave-  
nue, Vicksburg; Charles Red, music

director, First, Long Beach; Dr.  
Charles Clark, Baptist Book Store;  
Rev. Ralph Graves, pastor, Highland,  
Laurel; Doris Monroe, consultant in  
special education, Baptist Sunday  
School Board; and Ray Conner, con-  
sultant in church recreation, BSSB.

Current officers of MBREA who will  
preside at the various sessions are  
Bob McKee, minister of education,  
Broadmoor, Jackson, president; Dale  
Oden, minister of education, Morrison  
Heights Church, Clinton, vice-presi-  
dent; Frances Shaw, associate, state  
WMU department, secretary-treasur-  
er; Wayne Ward, Bowmar Avenue,  
chorister; Thelma Williamson, Sun-  
day School Department, pianist.

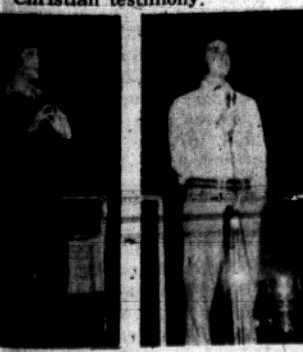
Some subjects scheduled for discus-  
sion during the three-day meeting are  
weekday ministries, the bus minis-  
try, leader training, staff-laymen re-  
lationships, special education, recrea-  
tion, weekday early education, church  
staff relationships, and the Sunday  
School Board's role in developing a  
dynamic church.

Friday afternoon will be a free time  
which may be devoted to leisure, rec-  
reation and-or sightseeing.

## Youth Convention Dec. 27-28



The annual State Youth Con-  
vention and Choral Festival  
was held at the Jackson Muni-  
cipal Auditorium Dec. 27-28. In  
photo at left Miss Kathy Richey  
of the Music Department con-  
fers with Norman Rodgers of  
Church Training on convention  
plans. Lower left photo shows  
George and Jean Blaylock of  
Frankfort, Ky., during musical  
skit. Center photo pictures  
Barry St. Clair, of HMB, At-  
lanta, featured speaker, in ac-  
tion. Lower right photo is that  
of Tommy Anthony, Mississip-  
pi College student, giving a  
Christian testimony.



"Maranatha," Hattiesburg singing group, performs for Convention.



## Baptists Join To Form PEARL

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supplying federal, state or local aid to nonpublic schools; (2) Collect and disseminate information concerning the adoption of such proposals and their administration; and (3) Facilitate and assist in coordinating activities in opposition to such governmental action.

Among the activities contemplated will be publishing a newsletter, preparing research materials, analyzing federal and state legislation and court decisions, holding an annual conference, establishing a speaker's bureau and serving as a general clearing house of information on which national, state and local groups can rely.

Besides Bishop Walker, other officers include the following: vice presidents, Willard Hechel, former dean, Rutgers University Law School and a former moderator of the United Presbyterian Church; Jefferson Fordham, former dean, University of Pennsylvania Law School and now professor of law, University of Utah Law School; Rabbi Robert Gordis, professor of Bible, Jewish Theological Seminary and former president of the Synagogue Council of America; Helen Wise, president of the National Education Association; and Florence Flast, vice chairman of New York PEARL.

Stanley McFarland, director of the governmental relations division of the National Education Association, is the secretary-treasurer.

Although other organizations are expected to join National PEARL as soon as their controlling bodies act on it, the list of the charter members is as follows: American Civil Liberties Union, American Ethical Union, American Humanist Association, American Jewish Congress, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Also, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Central Conference of American Rabbis, National Association of Laity (Catholic), National Council of Jewish Women, National Education Association, National Women's Conference of the American Ethical Union, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Universalist-Unitarian Association.

Also, United Methodist Church, National Capital Area Civil Liberties Union, Connecticut Civil Liberties Union, Michigan Council Against Parochialism and the PEARL organizations of Illinois, Monroe County (N.Y.), Nassau-Suffolk Counties (N.Y.), New York and Missouri.

Also, Missouri Baptist Christian Life Commission, New Jersey Public Funds for Public Schools, New York State United Teachers Federation, Ohio Free Schools Association and Wisconsin Preserve Our Public Schools.

### The Convention President Speaks

My words this week are directed to two different groups. The first is to laymen and laywomen who help make decisions in regard to staff remuneration. Even though your budgets are already made up for the year 1974, it probably will be to your advantage to reconsider automobile expense. As you know, the cost has risen considerably already and seems to continue to do so. It seems to me if you expect your staff to render the very best service, you will want to keep them from being in a bind so far as expenditures are concerned. Therefore, you probably will do your church a service by increasing the auto allowance.

The other group to whom I address myself is churches and/or organizations who use guest speakers. I believe that it's nothing but fair to give a larger allowance for expenses than many have previously. This, of course is related to the cost of travel, as well as time occupied in getting to a destination. Extra speaking engagements are generally a direct cost to the person who is speaking and not to the church or denominational post he may hold.

I do not know where this thing will stop, but until it does, let's make sure we do not impose an unnecessary burden on people at our expense. — David Grant

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Southern Baptist missionaries to six West African countries in which French is the dominant language recently designated the Baptist Pastor's School in Lome, Togo, as an international center for advanced training of pastors and church leaders.



The Centurymen In Turkey

Members of The Centurymen pause for song near the ruins of the Temple of Diana, the showplace of the ancient city of Sardis located in what is today Turkey. The Centurymen sang 18 songs and filmed on location for a documentary about the seven churches of Asia Minor. The documentary will be included in an upcoming "Human Dimension" series, produced for television through the Southern Radio and Television Commission. Mississippi Centurymen include Tanner Riley, John Blouin, James Hayes, Don Bennett, and Alan Veloria. —Radio-TV Commission Photo.

## Churches Take Risks Regarding Workmen's Compensation

DALLAS — By overlooking "workmen's compensation" coverage, many churches are risking misfortune for themselves and for their pastors and other church staff personnel.

"In most states, a church is held liable and can be sued by an employee injured on the job," added Harold S. Bailey, Dallas, a vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board.

"While this would rarely happen, the church would be wise to be prepared," Bailey said.

He also pointed out the church's "moral responsibility toward its employees" as well as legal liability involved. It is not always maintenance personnel who are injured on the job. Secretaries have been injured operating office machines, or have fallen on stairways. A pastor was burned recently when a boiler exploded at the church.

"Many churches have ignored the area of workmen's compensation, or have assumed they and their employees are excluded from its requirements," Bailey reported. In only a few states are churches excluded from workmen's compensation coverage. Churches, according to Bailey, should take workmen's compensation into account in planning their total insurance protection. The cost of this insurance is reasonable and within financial reach of any church," he said.

"Rates are regulated by the state, so there is no great profit for companies offering it," Bailey continued. Workmen's compensation provides disability income, specific sums for specific injuries, survivor's benefits, rehabilitation benefits, and medical benefits for a person hurt "arising out of and in the course of employment."



David Gomes and Pedro Calmon at the First National Bible Congress in Brazil.

## First National Bible Congress Held In Brazil

Bible Week was observed in Brazil in early December, and for the first time a National Bible Congress was held there, in Rio de Janeiro.

The congress was held in the auditorium of the Ministry of Education and Culture, which has a seating capacity of 700-750. For this reason, the number invited had to be to some extent limited.

David Gomes, president of the Bible Society of Brazil (and also director of Brazil's Bible School of the Air and Pastor of Rio's Church of Hope) gives a glowing report of the meeting. He says, "The afternoon sessions were completely full, and the evening sessions overcrowded. We managed to obtain from the Minister of Education not only the free use of the auditorium, but also the great pleasure of his agreement to be President of Honour on the opening night. As he was unable to attend, he sent a worthy representative to speak in his name."

"We had great national representation in the presence of the president of the Bank of Brazil, the governor and vice-governor of the state of Guanabara, the president of the Brazilian Academy of Letters, the Secretary of Education of the state, and Academician Pedro Calmon, who is considered one of our greatest professors, as well as a true celebrity in the interpretation of the Bible, which was, naturally, the main point of the program. Dr. Robert Cooley, professor of archaeology in the University of Missouri, a great lecturer, was present, as well as Dr. Robert Bratcher, another great luminary of Bible science, and various national experts. It was a marvelous Congress for which we give grateful thanks to God."

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## Conference Center Fees Increased

NASHVILLE — Rising labor costs and general inflation are the primary factors in a rate increase announced recently by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board for Ridgecrest (N.C.) and Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Centers.

According to Bob M. Boyd, director of the board's conference center division, prices will be up \$1.75 a day, or approximately \$12 a week for each person, effective for the summer, 1974, session. The new rates include increases of \$1 a day for rooms and 25 cents a day for meals.

The remainder of the increase is in the conference service fee, which will be \$10 this summer, instead of \$7.50. Some items covered in the conference service fee are travel insurance, first aid assistance, recreation facilities, auditorium and conference space, day camp facilities and registration.

The 700 summer staffers at Ridgecrest and Glorieta now receive minimum wages (\$1.60 an hour) which increases operating costs by several hundred thousand dollars.

"A recent sampling of conference centers across the nation indicated that Ridgecrest and Glorieta are still well under other conference center rates for comparable facilities," Boyd said.

"The superior training opportunities and nationwide interchange of ideas provided by Ridgecrest and Glorieta make them unique and essential to Southern Baptists' growth and development," Boyd explained. "We are committed to continue providing facilities at the lowest possible cost to church leaders taking advantage of these opportunities."

This price increase will bring the conference centers closer to the break-even policy called for by the trustees of the Sunday School Board.

Brochures for Ridgecrest and Glorieta have been sent to all pastors. These contain current prices as well as schedules for the upcoming summer. For a copy of either brochure contact the Conference Center Division, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

PUSAN, Korea — The Bill Wallace Memorial Hospital here, observing its 18th anniversary recently, opened a new out-patient clinic building, a facility which will increase the daily out-patient visits from the present average of 270 to 400 visits a day.

## Young Pastor's Wives Retreat To Be Held At Camp Garaywa

January 25-26 is the weekend set for an event eagerly anticipated by young pastors' wives in Mississippi.

Each year these young ladies come to Camp Garaywa for a two-day retreat which offers them relaxation, fellowship, and a time of sharing ideas, questions and answers.

This year's retreat Mrs. Merritt begins with supper at 6:30 on Friday, January 25, and closes Saturday afternoon at 2:00.

Featured as speakers during the weekend will be Mrs. J. Clark Hensley, co-author (with her husband) of the book, BEHAVING AT HOME; and Mrs. John W. Merritt, missionary to Europe. Bible Study sessions during the meeting will be led by Mrs. J. H. Street of Newton.

An interesting and helpful session will be one in which Mrs. Lowrey Comper of Newton will share ideas and advice on entertaining guests in the pastor's home or at the church.

Mrs. Charles Gentry of Clinton will moderate a panel of pastors' wives who will relate experiences and give information which might be helpful to those attending the meeting.

If you are a young pastor's wife (under 40 years of age) and would like to enjoy a weekend of excitement, fellowship, and spiritual growth, please send your name and address to: Miss Marjean Patterson, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205.

## 1st, Coffeeville To Celebrate Centennial

First Church of Coffeeville will be 100 years old on January 19. Having moved into a new sanctuary on November 4, 1973, the congregation will have week-long joint dedications and centennial services January 13-20.

Built at a cost of approximately \$250,000, the new sanctuary has a seating capacity of 432 and is beautiful in its simplicity. The floors are carpeted in gold, furnishings are oak and white with blue cushions on the pews. Eight stained glass windows add to the beauty of the building. Architects were McRee, Dardaman, and Kennington of Grenada.

The service on Sunday morning, January 13, will be the dedication of the new sanctuary, with Rev. James Edwards, previously ordained by the church, bringing comments, and the pastor, Rev. Donnie L. Stewart, bringing the morning message. There will be an open house and reception in the church from 3-5 p.m. for all visitors and members.

The theme for the January 13 evening service will be "Looking Backward With Gratitude." The only two living former pastors of the church, Rev. N. B. Saucier of Gulfport, and Rev. G. B. Basden of Coffeeville, will bring the messages.

On Monday evening, January 14, with the theme of "The Church Reaching Out," Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor of First Church, Grenada and a member of the Foreign Mission Board, will preach.

During the Tuesday night service, "Worshipping the Lord in Beautiful Music," the organ and piano will be dedicated. Two visiting musicians will give a special music concert.

The message will be brought by Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, on Wednesday evening, January 16, when the theme will be "Our Baptist Heritage."

"Youth on the Move for Christ," will be the Thursday night theme. Special music will be by the Oakhaven Youth

## BWA Begins Exchange Of Missionary Personnel

WASHINGTON (BP) — A missionary "clearing house" or exchange aimed at sharing information regarding medical and other trained personnel with mission groups needing their special capabilities has been initiated by the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) at the request of missionary-sending agencies.

Robert S. Denny, general secretary of BWA, views the mission personnel exchange as a channel whereby the Alliance's 95 member bodies can exchange specialized personnel in order to better meet overall need.

The initial proposal for the exchange came through the BWA Commission on Cooperative Christianity, meeting at Kingston, Jamaica, in 1972.

The Commission noted that overseas medical programs of some conventions are in need of additional personnel, while young doctors and nurses may be available in other groups which cannot financially afford an overseas medical program.

Also a surplus of skilled persons may exist in one group which could be shared with another group.

Denny said that the proposal was discussed with leaders of mission boards and agencies and approved on a two-year trial basis by the BWA meeting in Einsiedeln, Switzerland, last July.

The plan is broad enough to include trained personnel in education, agriculture and other specialized field as well as medicine, a BWA spokesman said.

Carl W. Tiller, BWA associate secretary who will administer the program, said it is designed as an information exchange between member bodies of the Alliance.

Individuals desiring to be considered as candidates must obtain the endorsement of their own church structures.

Southern Baptists interested in mission service will still go through normal appointment channels of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, a board spokesman said.

Baptist mission boards and societies are invited to file either of two information sheets with the Washington office of BWA.

One form lists mission positions which are available; the other lists missionary candidates with special capabilities.

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## Mississippi Trustees To Attend Annuity Board Meeting

DALLAS — Speakers from the investment field and from a denominational seminary will highlight the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board in Dallas February 4-6.

Board President Darold H. Morgan identified the speakers as: Henry W. Grady, Jr., New York City, vice president of United States Trust Co. of New York, and, William M. Pinson, Jr., Fort Worth, associate professor of Christian Ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Grady will describe developments in economics and Pinson will take on ministering to the aging.

Trustees will hear reports and 1973 statistics of the Board's work in maintaining retirement plans for more than 36,000 pastors, and church and denominational workers, and paying benefits to more than 7,000 disabled or retired church-related vocational workers or their widows and families.

The effect of new legislation on Social Security, the government-administered retirement program, on private pension agencies, such as the Annuity Board, will be discussed also during the annual meeting.

Among trustees expected to be present at the annual meeting are these from Mississippi: Claude Anthony of Jackson and William A. Crabill of Marks.

to a conflict with state conventions being held at the earlier date," added Dale.

Participants whose registration is received prior to Jan. 15 will be given a complimentary copy of W. O. Thomson's newest book, "The Life Givers."

Registrations should be sent to the Church Program Training Center, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn., 37234. A \$20 registration fee, which will include a seminar notebook, other related books and materials and one meal, should be included.



Choir of Memphis, Tennessee, led by Bob Koonce. The guest speaker will be Miss Ann Marie Fairchild, evangelist ventriloquist with E. J. Daniel Evangelistic Association, Jacksonville, Florida, and her dummy, "Jackie."

Dr. David Grant, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will bring the Friday evening message. The theme will be "The Church in Evangelism."

The president of the Southern Baptist

Constitution, Dr. Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, will lead "One Hundred Years of Witness" on Sunday morning, January 20. Following the worship service, there will be an old-fashioned "dinner on the grounds." The dress of the day will be costumes of 100 years ago, and there will be displays of years past. Planners of this day's activities hope for a record attendance of members, former members and guests to help celebrate the church's one hundredth birthday.

## Church-State Meet Set

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Department of Religion, Florida State University, will address the conference on "Religion and the Public Schools: Reactions." Spivey's address will be offered by Edna Ruth Johnson, editor of The Churchmen, and Edd Doerr, director of educational relations for Americans United.

Former congressman Brooks Hays will address the banquet meeting on "A Look from the Hill," and the conference will be climaxed with an address by Dr. Calvin W. Didier of St. Paul, Minnesota, on "The Role of the Church in the Battle for Religious Freedom."

Also on the program will be Dr. Jimmy R. Allen, president of Americans United, and Dr. Perry R. Sanders of Lafayette, Louisiana. An analysis of recent Supreme Court decisions on church-state questions will be offered by Dr. Walter Wright, general counsel for Americans United, and Florida attorneys Burnett Roth and James Hopps.



# Restructure Recommendations Are Made By Committee Of 15

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coming from Baptist colleges by 1980.

The Committee of Fifteen, a sub-committee for the SBC Executive Committee, also recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention appoint a special committee of seven persons to study and evaluate the Executive Committee and report back in 1975.

The American Baptist Theological Seminary, operated in Nashville jointly by the SBC and the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., is the focus of another committee proposal. A recommendation asks the SBC's commission which deals with the seminary to set standards and goals regarding enrolment, financial support and academic standards to be

met by 1977, with the understanding that if they are not met the SBC would convert its portion of the assets to other forms of assistance for black religious workers.

The seventh recommendation, which will likely go to the SBC Dallas meeting, calls for an addition to an SBC bylaw requiring more information from SBC agencies for the budget - making process.

The added information would provide to the SBC Executive Committee data on the agencies regarding "long range program objectives, budget year program goals and action plans and past year program accomplishments toward reaching previously set goals and action plans."

The 129 - page report released by Price contains a lengthy statement on convention - trustee relationships and calls for various procedures and actions to secure greater involvement of the individual trustee in policy - making responsibilities for the SBC agencies.

According to the report, 891 persons presently serve on SBC boards, commissions and committees. Among these, 505 are ordained and 386 unordained, 39 of the latter being women.

Other committee recommendations call for an enlarged Inter - Seminary Council, a re-study of the Inter-Agency Council, a caution against unnecessary staff growth and a redefinition of the tasks of the denomination's five church program organizations.

One recommendation calls on the six Southern Baptist seminaries to formulate, by June, 1975, a broadly based program of services to non-degree students.

Other actions to be presented by the structure study committee to the SBC Executive Committee for its consideration, call for reduction or removal of overlapping work, duplication of effort and conflicts between Baptist agencies.

The committee report asks for investment guidelines from all agencies for the \$426,607,044 they currently have in stocks, mortgages and other securities. Most of this amount is administered by the SBC Annuity Board of behalf of retirement funds for Baptist workers. Its investment guidelines are included in the committee report as an addendum.

One committee recommendation calls for a study of retirement plans presently being operated by the An-

nuity Board and the agencies to assure Baptist workers the fullest possible benefits.

The Southern Baptist Convention completed a major re - organization in 1958 in 1959, following an extensive structure study assisted by the management firm of Booz, Allen and Hamilton. The Committee of Fifteen assignment was to evaluate that earlier re - organization in the light of current circumstances and recommend any needed changes, Price said.

The committee initiated recommendations which the Executive Committee presented to the 1972 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention regarding the Brotherhood Commission and the Radio and Television Commission. These actions by the convention mainly broadened membership on each commission and the advisory groups related to them.

Another recommendation initiated by the committee and presented to the 1972 SBC meeting in Philadelphia called for dissolving the Stewardship Commission and transferring its functions to the SBC Executive Committee. That motion was turned down by the convention.

Since that time, Price said, the

Committee of Fifteen has changed the direction of its efforts. "Instead of taking a lot of piece - meal recommendations to the convention for action, we decided to complete the entire study and refer many of these matters of concern to agency trustees beginning of the decade of the 1980's."

The Committee of Fifteen is made up of eight ordained men and seven unordained.

The 97 "areas of concern" identified by the committee include a wide variety of conditions and circumstances, programs and patterns of work by the SBC agencies, plus needs and expressed interests among the 12 million Southern Baptists. These matters will be referred directly to the appropriate agencies or the SBC Executive Committee, Price said.

The report was released well in advance of the February meeting on instructions from the SBC Executive Committee to allow ample time for thorough study by all interested groups, Price stated.

The preface to the report calls attention to both gains and losses experienced by Southern Baptists in the period, 1958-73.

In this 15 - year span, SBC church

membership rose 31 per cent to 12,067,284, there was a net increase of 3,036 churches and baptisms reached an all - time high of 445,725 in 1972.

The committee points out that in these same years gifts through the denomination's unified budget, the Cooperative Program, rose 113 per cent to \$91,538,458 in 1972, and total gifts climbed 155 per cent reaching \$1 billion for the first time in 1972.

Total assets of the SBC agencies increased 209 per cent during the 15 years and now amount to \$564,661,604. This does not include assets of the state conventions or local churches.

The Committee likewise underscored some losses: Sunday School enrolment, which slipped from an all-time high of 7,671,185 in 1964 to 7,141,433 in 1971. Brotherhood enrolment was down from 634,651 in 1963 to 451,538 in 1971. Both showed slight gains in 1972. Church Training and Woman's Missionary Union enrolment likewise has declined.

In view of this mixed pattern of gains and losses, the Committee of Fifteen concludes with both optimism and caution.

"In all of this," the report says in its conclusion, "we note that many Baptist churches still remain strong and optimistic. Though there has been some loss in organizational enrolments, the core of the churches has pressed on to higher levels of dedication and loyalty."

## Lester Resigns Tennessee Baptist Paper Editorship

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (BP)—James A. Lester, editor of the Baptist and Reflector, news publication of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, has resigned, and Mrs. W. Alvis (Evelyn) Strickland has been named public relations coordinator for the convention.

Lester, who has edited the Baptist and Reflector since Oct., 1968, had been granted a six-month leave of absence, Nov. 1, by the executive board's administrative committee. It would have ended next April 3, the effective date of the resignation.

The convention's executive secretary - treasurer, Ralph Norton, said Lester cited health problems growing out of an automobile accident as the reason for his resignation. Lester earlier had sought the leave of absence on the same grounds, Norton said.

Norton, who had assumed responsibility for the Baptist and Reflector in Lester's absence, said he will continue in that capacity until a new editor is named.

## Baptist Churches Begin 'In Craziest Places'

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temporary answer, on another site. A mobile chapel later became their place of worship.

Seldom do Southern Baptist churches begin in their own well - furnished, steeped buildings. They need time to grow. New congregations often meet in homes, rented facilities, barns, club houses, hotels and buildings of other denominations.

Lakeview Baptist Church in Vermilion, Ohio, meets for worship in what once was a beef slaughterhouse. Refuting the argument that churches in temporary facilities portray a negative image to the community, the church was awarded a major building loan from a local firm and is nearing completion of their third unit on the same property.

"This church has been accepted by the community, or they wouldn't have gotten the loan," said F. J. Redford, head of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of church extension.

"Only on rare occasions will, or can, a church group buy its own property and build when they first get together," said Robert H. Kilgore, head of the Home Mission Board's church loans department. Otherwise, he said, the congregation would have to spend its time and money worrying about the building(s).

Gateway Baptist Church, in the Greater Pittsburgh (Pa.) Association,

found a way to increase their mission outreach in the community without owning property.

The Baptists were renting facilities from a Seventh Day Adventist church and used the money that would have gone for building maintenance to create a neighborhood center and staff a Christian book store.

Otha Winningham, superintendent of missions for Keystone Baptist Association in Pennsylvania, said three churches in the association are using Seventh Day Adventist facilities, and the Baptist groups "are among the fastest growing churches in our association. The Adventist churches are attractive; their sanctuary structure is much like Baptist churches, and they have baptistries."

Candlestick Baptist Church, the only Southern Baptist congregation in Danbury, Conn., found a place to meet on Sundays - in a school

building - after they ran out of educational space at the local Jewish synagogue.

Frederick W. "Bill" Kunst, the church's pastor and a Southern Baptist home missionary, said the church moved into a new facility the same week the school opened.

The church has a recreational program in the school cafeteria - a combination gymnasium, auditorium, cafeteria - which is also used for fellowship suppers, Kunst said.

The Danbury church began in homes, outgrew them, moved to a Masonic Lodge, then to the synagogue and school. Now with an average attendance of 200 at worship services, the church has property and is planning to build, Kunst said. The church has 15 home Bible "fellowships," among other mission projects.

Southern Baptists have begun churches in some strange places. First

Southern Baptist Church in Huntington Beach, Calif., met in a barn and then in a night club, before moving into their own facilities.

Calvary Baptist Church in Caribou, Maine, previously met in Odd Fellows and Knights of Columbus halls.

Another congregation, Eastern Heights Baptist Church in Jeffersonville, Ind., adapted a chickenhouse for their sanctuary. Parkside Providence (R. I.) Baptist Church met for years in a hotel.

Sharon Woods Baptist Church in Plattsburgh, N. Y., met in a theater, moved to an Air Force chapel, and are presently renting space in a Roman Catholic facility, operated by the Christian Brothers of Instruction.

Ernest A. Cruse, pastor of the Baptist group, said the Catholic brothers "even ran their buses for us during Vacation Bible School."

Many believe that having their own

church building will result in higher attendance, Redford noted. "There's a logical time to build a building, but it doesn't come as soon as some would think," he added.

"We can document again and again where a church had 150 attending in a schoolhouse, and after they had built a church building, attendance fell to 100 - or the building produced no growth at all," Redford said.

In contrast, the Home Mission Board sponsored a "home Bible fellowship" in Richville, N. Y., a town of 250 people where six of seven church buildings weren't even in use, he continued.

"In two months we had 42 people for baptism," Redford said. "We need to convince people they can do as well in someone else's building."

**SAN PEDRO LA LAGUNA, Guatemala** - Members of the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Sebol, Alta Verapaz, traveled four hours by canoe and two days by car to attend the recent Guatemala Baptist Convention here. Bethlehem church, the first of Sharon Baptist Church here and first Baptist Church of Jutiapa, three newly organized congregations, were received into the convention, bringing the total participating churches to 48.

## J. W. Lee Memorial Graduate Loan Fund Is Initiated At Mississippi College

The J. W. Lee Memorial Graduate Loan Fund has been initiated at Mississippi College by the Jackson Field Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa to honor the former professor and graduate school dean who served as a leader on both the state and international levels of the professional education fraternity.

Jesse L. Howell, Jr., of Jackson, and Dr. Eugene I. Farr of Clinton, president and secretary respectively of the Jackson chapter of PDK, said the memorial fund was being established and promoted by the local chapter because of Dr. Lee's long-time service to the organization in numerous capacities.

According to stipulations established by PDK, the fund would be an endowed fund with the interest becoming a revolving loan fund for those pursuing a graduate program of studies at Mississippi College.

Dr. Lee, who died in his sleep of an apparent heart attack on November 4, 1973, helped guide many students in the education and graduate school programs at Mississippi College while serving as chairman of the Division of Education and Psychology and dean of the graduate program.

In announcing the establishment of the loan fund, the current PDK leaders said their appeal was aimed at five groups - members of the local chapter, master degree recipients from the college, others who are involved in the graduate program, faculty and staff of Mississippi College, and all other Kappans and friends of Dr. Lee.

Dr. Lee first joined the Mississippi College faculty in 1955 and was made chairman of the Division of Education and Psychology in 1962. He served in that post until September, 1967, when he was named dean of the graduate program. He returned to the division chairmanship position in 1971.

Active in Phi Delta Kappa work since 1954, Dr. Lee wrote the first history of PDK for his doctoral dissertation at the Indiana University. This was at the time of the Golden Anniversary of the largest professional organization for men in the world.

Dr. Lee was installed as International President of PDK in December, 1966, and served for two years in that position. During his tenure of office he served as co - director of a seminar in Educational Contrasts Around the World, visiting secondary universities in Switzerland, land, Russia, Turkey, Lebanon, Thailand, China, and Japan.

Dr. Lee received the bachelor of science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and earned the master of arts from George Peabody College for Teachers and the master of science and doctor of education degrees from Indiana University.

Individuals desiring to contribute to the J. W. Lee Memorial Graduate Loan Fund can do so by sending their checks to the Development Office at Mississippi College.

**BENTON CITY, Liberia** - For the first time in their history, Liberian Baptists have licensed a woman to preach. Mrs. Genevieve Garnett, a dietician and hostess - director of the Government Guest House in Monrovia, was recently licensed here by members of her church, Zion Praise Baptist Church. Currently she is enrolled in a four - year ministerial training program. Those completing the program are eligible to be designated by the Liberian Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention for church - related work. Mrs. Garnett said her husband, an assistant minister in the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Liberia, and their children give complete support to her new role.

**SAN PEDRO LA LAGUNA, Guatemala** - In a move to transfer theological leadership from missionaries to Guatemalans, two national Baptists were elected directors of the two Guatemalan Baptist theological institutes at a meeting here of the Guatemala Baptist Convention. Enrique Dias will be director of the Baptist Theological Institute in Guatemala City and Ataulfo Hinojosa was chosen to lead the Paul Bell Theological Institute, a school at Lake Atitlan near Guatemala City which emphasizes lay training. Messengers attending represented several Indian dialect congregations as well as Spanish - speaking churches.

**RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil** - The governors of two states of Brazil have signed a bill designating the second Sunday of December as Bible Day in their states. The Brazilian Baptist Convention has observed this Sunday as Bible Day for many years, but the action of Chagas Freitas, governor of Guanabara, and Raymond Padilha, governor of Rio de Janeiro, made it official.

"I love thee, I love thee, I love thee, my Lord"

## 40 CHRISTIAN ACTION RALLIES

Target Group: Pastors, Church Leaders and Concerned Citizens

"I love thee, I love thee, I love thee, my God"

JANUARY 15, 1974 - 2 Sessions: 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.

ASSOCIATION	PLACE OF MEETING (Church)	CONSULTANT	INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER
ADAMS	Immanuel, Natchez	Rev. James Porch, Clinton	Dr. Joe Tuten, Jackson
ALCORN	First, Corinth	Rev. Bill Nimmons, Tupelo	Dr. Bob Hamblin, Tupelo
ATTALA	Parkway, Kosciusko	Dr. Raymond Lloyd, Starkville	Rev. David Pratt, Winona
CHICKASAW	Parkway, Houston	Dr. Fuller Saunders, Houston	Rev. Larry Kennedy, Amory
COPIAH	First, Hazlehurst	Dr. Charles Myers, Jackson	Rev. A. P. Michel, Brookhaven
COVINGTON	First, Mount Olive	Rev. Bob Sheffield, Prentiss	Rev. Oliver Ladner, Magee
GREENE	First, Leakesville	Rev. Billy Johnson, Laurel	Rev. Leland Hogan, Hattiesburg
JACKSON	First, Moss Point	Rev. Gail DeBord, Long Beach	Rev. Frank Gunn, Biloxi
JASPER	Bay Springs, Bay Springs	Rev. W. C. Burns, Taylorsville	Rev. Eugene H. Dobbs, Jackson
LAUDERDALE	Poplar Springs Drive, Meridian	Rev. Jackie Hamilton, Meridian	Dr. Joe Triplett, Jackson
LEFLORE	North Greenwood, Greenwood	Rev. Granville Watson, Moorhead	Rev. James Hurt, Cleveland
MARION	East Columbia, Columbia	Dr. Craig Ratliff, Hattiesburg	Rev. Mel Craft, Tyertown
NESHOBA	First, Philadelphia	Rev. Hardy Denham, Newton	Rev. William S. Stewart, Eupora
PIKE	Central, McComb	Rev. Bill Duncan, Picayune	Rev. Ace McVey, Brookhaven
RIVERSIDE	Lyon Baptist Church, Lyon	Rev. J. B. Miller, Southaven	Dr. Clifton Perkins, Greenwood
SCOTT	First, Morton	Rev. Tommy Baddley, Brandon	Rev. Tom Hudson, Jackson
UNION COUNTY	First, New Albany	Dr. Levon Moore, Pontotoc	Rev. Tom Rayburn, Booneville
WASHINGTON	Calvary, Greenville	Dr. Macklyn Hubbell, Cleveland	Rev. Dan Morton, Indianola
WAYNE	First, Waynesboro	Rev. Brooks Barkley, Waynesboro	Rev. W. C. Burns, Jr., Ellisville
WINSTON	First, Louisville	Dr. Harold Bryson, Carthage	Rev. Dan Thompson, Ackerman

"I love thee, I love thee, and that thou must know"

JANUARY 17, 1974 - 2 Sessions: 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.

(Except Pontotoc Assn.: January 24)

ASSOCIATION	PLACE OF MEETING (Church)	CONSULTANT	INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER
BOLIVAR	Immanuel, Cleveland	Dr. Macklyn Hubbell, Cleveland	Dr. Dudley Wilson, Jackson
CALHOUN	Bruce Baptist Church, Bruce	Dr. Fuller Saunders, Houston	Rev. Guy Reedy, Water Valley
CLARKE	First Baptist, Quitman	Rev. Brooks Barkley, Waynesboro	Dr. Van H. Hardin, Leakesville
DESOLO	Carriage Hills, Southaven	Rev. J. B. Miller, Southaven	Dr. John Lee Taylor, Grenada
GULF COAST	Grace Memorial, Gulfport	Dr. Gail DeBord, Long Beach	Dr. John Barnes, Poplarville
HINDS-MADISON	Calvary, Jackson	Dr. Charles Myers, Jackson	Rev. P. A. Michel, Brookhaven
HOLMES	Lexington Church, Lexington	Rev. Granville Watson, Moorhead	Rev. James Yates, Yazoo City
JEFF DAVIS	Prentiss Baptist Church, Prentiss	Rev. Bob Sheffield, Prentiss	Rev. Kenneth Roberts, Monticello
JONES	First Church, Ellisville	Rev. Billy Johnson, Laurel	Rev. W. C. Burns, Taylorsville
KEMPER	DeKalb Baptist Church, DeKalb	Rev. Jackie Hamilton, Meridian	Rev. J. Ray Grissett, Philadelphia
LEAKE	Trinity, Carthage	Dr. Harold Bryson, Carthage	Dr. Harold Kitchings, Kosciusko
LEBANON	38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg	Dr. Craig Ratliff, Hattiesburg	Dr. John Traylor, Gulfport
LEE	Calvary, Tupelo	Rev. Bill Nimmons, Tupelo	Rev. Larry Kennedy, Amory
NEWTON	Clark Venable, Decatur	Rev. Hardy Denham, Newton	Rev. Clyde Little, Forest
OKTIBBEHA	Calvary, Starkville	Dr. Raymond Lloyd, Starkville	Rev. William S. Stewart, Eupora
PEARL RIVER	First, Poplarville	Rev. Bill Duncan, Picayune	Dr. Brooks Wester, Hattiesburg
PONTOTOC	West Heights, Pontotoc	Dr. Levon Moore, Pontotoc	Rev. Wm. F. Evans, New Albany
RANKIN	First Baptist, Pearl	Rev. Tommy Baddley, Brandon	Dr. Bill Baker, Clinton
WARREN	Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg	Rev. James Porch, Clinton	Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson

NATIONAL, STATE AND COUNTY ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

"And how much I love thee my actions will show"



# The Baptist Record

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## EDITORIAL

### God's Direction In Choice Of Leaders

Within the past few days we have received two communications requesting that Baptist people be in prayer for those who must choose new leadership for two major Southern Baptist agencies.

One of the letters was from the chairman of the committee which has the responsibility for finding a successor to Dr. James L. Sullivan, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Sunday School Board. Dr. Sullivan's retirement comes early in 1975.

The other letter is from one of the leaders at the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, whose Executive Secretary, Miss Alma Hunt, comes to retirement in the fall of 1974.

The committees and boards which must select the persons to take these

important positions certainly need the clear direction of the Lord in their responsibility. It would be difficult to name two more important leadership positions in the convention life. We are sure that God has individuals prepared to fill these places. Let us pray earnestly that the committees will be directed to them.

Actually, this is just the beginning of a number of changes in leadership in Southern Baptist life which will come within the next few years. The executives of both of the mission boards will come to retirement time before too many years pass. One seminary president already has announced his retirement plans, and one or two others, will come to it within a very few years. Evidently some other retirements must come in this decade. It is imperative then, that Southern Baptists do earnestly pray, that, as in the past, God's

leader will be found for each of those positions.

Southern Baptist strength through the years, certainly has in part been because men and women of God were directing our work. This must continue if the denomination is to continue to effectively fill its God given place in the Christian world.

Baptists believe that God calls preachers and other Christian vocational workers to their tasks. They also believe that he calls leaders for denominational responsibilities. Such positions are not to be filled upon the basis of personal ambitions, or friendship's favors. God's will must be known and followed. That is why it is so important that all of us pray for those with the responsibility of choosing our leaders. They need divine direction all of the way.

## Guest Editorial

### Utopia Now!

By Duke K. McCall

In The Tie (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary)

Some grandiose American dreams have come crashing down to reality. The notion that we could produce instant Utopia in any realm was always wrong.

Universal higher education was going great until higher education split its britches. When campuses decided that not education but world reform was their bag, the fuses blew. Supporters who did not want to be reformed, turned off. Even worse, the students who are no longer sold on the intrinsic value of education abandoned the universities.

Now there's a lesson for us seminary people. Theological education is our bag. The Bible must stay at the center of our curriculum or we might end up looking for students like the universities. The world needs reforming, but first comes the blueprint for the city of God and that will be found in the biblical revelation — along with

information about sources of power to bring it to pass.

Maybe not even the church can produce instant Utopia. Evangelism to produce the people for the city of God will have to come first. As Dr. Connor used to put it, conversion is the end of the gospel—the front end.

Just a little while ago we in America were going to abolish poverty. We went to war with it. Despite some victories for our side, poverty won. Jesus was right; the poor you have with you always. Our resources really never were adequate. Now the oil supply has sharply defined the perimeters of the American economy.

We may never be rich enough to buy up poverty and buy off pollution. Now unemployment is rising, and King Coal is staging a comeback. I think the future of America lies with coal, despite its soot and sulphur. At least it is ours, and with something less, than the ingenuity of our space program, we might lick the ecology problems related to it.

That Utopia which President Eisenhower thought he saw in atomic

energy is still a long way off. Continued American dependence on oil will hasten Armageddon. The liberal humanist and the religious fundamentalist who support Israel ought to turn their attention to a new emphasis on coal as an energy supply for America. The abandonment of Israel is the price of Arab oil. The other price is America's capacity for self-determination.

Will somebody not preoccupied with Watergate please tell the American people that Utopia is not around the corner. We have just glued the Arabs together with their oil, thickened by hatred, but these erstwhile friends of America are not likely to turn loose their economic control any time soon.

So our dream of Utopia is deferred. But the Christian does have a message about a perfect man and a perfect society. It is rooted in the historical reality of the birth, death, resurrection, ascension to glory, and return in triumph of Jesus, the Christ. Well, if Americans can't create Utopia now and know it, this is a good time to tell them of the holy hope rooted in Christian faith and experience.—(Thinking Aloud column.)

## Religious Bestsellers

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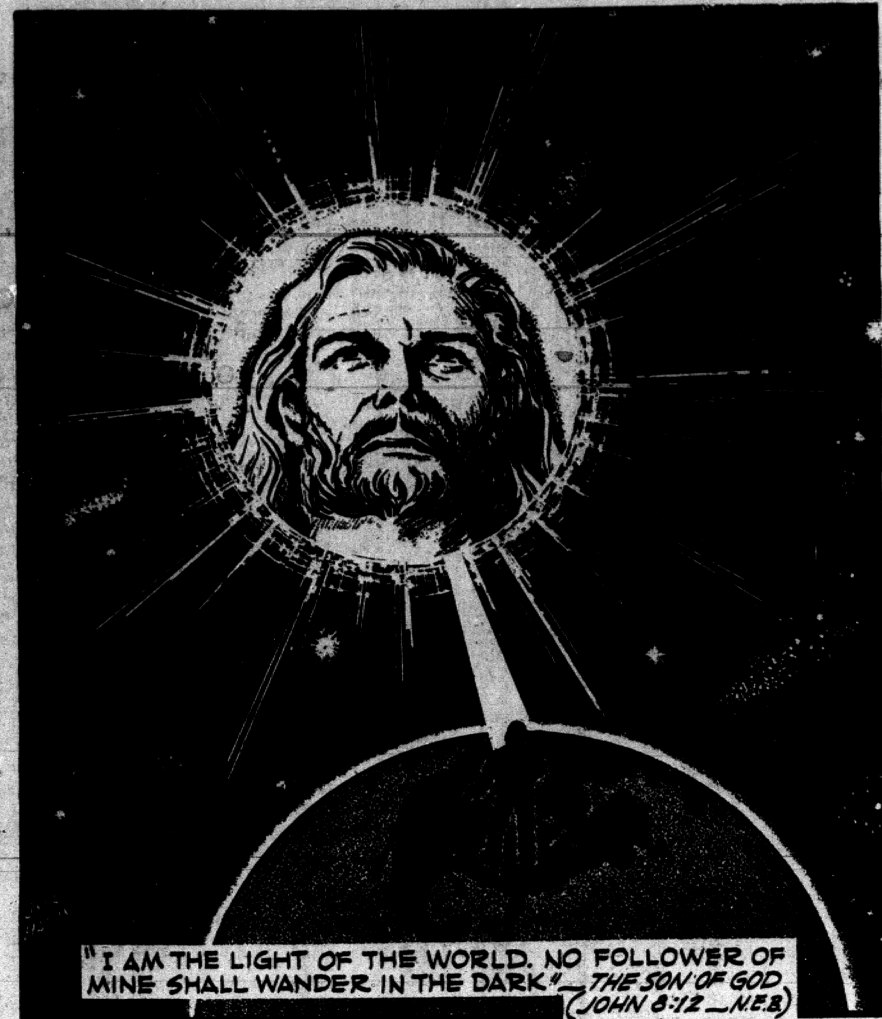
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6. A NEW JOY, Evans
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9. THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY, Christenson
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9. HOPE FOR THE FLOWERS, Pauls

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  4. LOVE SONG, Love Song
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## Surpassing the Sun's Solar Energy



### A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Faucher

Broadmoor's Adult Choir has learned the new folk musical about the life of Christ called "Celebrate Life." We have worked quite hard on it.

Why?

Maybe it's because something really new has finally been added.

My earliest memories of Christmas include the fact that we were celebrating Christ's birthday. That fact never got pushed behind Santa's toy sack at our house. My home family and my church family were very careful not to let that happen.

By the same token, Easter was the time when we celebrated His death, His days in the tomb, and His triumph over death. My home family and my church family were equally as careful with Easter as with Christmas. New clothes and egg hunts were in far distance of the cross. Madison Avenue had not yet discovered the lucrative Easter bunny.

During the intervals between these two seasons of celebration, I learned, at the hands of my families, about the life of Jesus. It was never difficult for me, even as a little girl, to relate the good things in my life to Jesus. His love, patience, wisdom, power, grace, mercy, tenderness, and occasional chastening have kept life for me in a generally joyful framework. But nobody ever taught me to celebrate His life.

Thinking about it now, I believe I must have learned from myself how to celebrate His life. When I was eight, I felt a strange release from something I couldn't name when it happened — now I know it was the power of evil — when I rubbed the dust on the dashboard of my pastor's car and told him I believed Jesus' death was for me. That was celebration of His life. When I was growing up and looking for the best way, He had people all along to give me directions, and confidence grew. More celebration of His life, His guidance, would you agree?

I have felt deep gratitude when a doctor's ability was not enough, but God's was, and a son recovered. Celebration of His merciful power.

I have held my breath, so to speak, while allowing a son to have a growing-up experience, only to ease the breath out when I remembered God could reach the boy if he needed help, whether I was there or not. Celebration of His watchfulness.

On and on I could list the times I have celebrated Jesus' life without realizing it at the time. Now that I will be realizing what I'm doing, I'll be enjoying being a Christian even more.

This is the something new, then that's been added — a musical written simply to celebrate the life of Christ and all that His life can mean to an ordinary life like yours and mine. That's why I want you to hear us on Friday night, January 18, at the City Auditorium in Jackson.

The music is, in turn, jubilant, haunting, sweet, soothing, stirring, and, once in a while, a bit startling, even. The whole life of Christ is remembered to us by the simple dialogue of the script.

It is, after all, an everyday occurrence, this life we're living in Christ. Come together with us to celebrate it, and then scatter abroad to celebrate it.

He who seeks one thing in life and but one, may hope to achieve it before life be done, but he who seeks all things wherever he goes, only reaps from the sorrow which around him he sows — a harvest of barren regret.—Grant Taggart

"A sure sign of inflation is when the office gang gathers around the water cooler instead of the coffee-maker." — Herman Gross, Tri-County (Mo.) News.

## THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Chilhowee Academy Invites Students, Grades 8-12

Dear Sir:

All of our state Baptist conventions minister in so many wonderful ways in the name of Jesus.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention contributes approximately \$150,000 per year toward the cost of operating Harrison - Chilhowee Baptist Academy. Chilhowee is a Christian Secondary Boarding school, for grades 8-12, where a true 24-hour per day ministry can be extended to youth.

Due to the contribution of our state convention we are able to set our fees far lower than would otherwise be possible. The total fee is approximately \$850.00 per semester, including room and board.

We are interested in serving youth, whether from Tennessee or from other states. Presently our student body consists of students from 17 states and six foreign countries.

We want to be certain that fellow Baptists throughout the Southern Baptist Convention know of the availability of this ministry. Those who desire more information may write me personally, or call me at (615) 573-8321. Our spring semester starts January 14, 1974. I would suggest that all who would be interested in having their children attend to contact the school as soon as possible. We are located in Seymour, Tennessee, twelve miles from Knoxville at the junction of Highways 411 and 441.

Hubert B. Smothers, President

### On The MORAL SCENE...

**RISE IN GAMBLING STATISTICS** — "More Americans are betting more money on more gambles today than ever before. The total amount being wagered is an elusive one but authoritative estimates range from a low of \$30-\$40 billion to the area of \$100 billion annually. . . In New York City the illegal "numbers" game runs to \$1 billion a year or more on top of that, and no one knows how much New Yorkers bet under the counter with bookies. . . Legalization has dangled the betting lure before untold numbers of people who would not have known Gambling is become a way of life in some how to get a bet down a few years ago, parts of the country."

(The Atlanta Journal and Constitution, December 9, 1973)

**RACIAL SEPARATISM ON CAMPUS** — "The newsletter Youth Today observed in its summer issue that on many campuses, after years of efforts to bring about racial integration, there is less and less mixing between students of different races, even though officially the colleges and universities have been desegregated. With some exceptions, the general feeling is that blacks and whites are not getting to know one another beyond the superficial level. They don't feel comfortable with each other. . . Whether this new black separatism on 'integrated' campuses is legal remains to be seen. Regardless, it is awkward and uncomfortable. For instance, the NAACP has threatened to bring suit against a university for giving a dormitory to the exclusive use of blacks."

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## You Can't Always Tell A Bible By Its Cover

By Clarence E. Duncan

People used to buy the Bible in record numbers just because they thought every home ought to have one. Today the best seller is still the Bible, but it's because more people than ever are reading and studying it — especially the young.

A lot of things have been done to improve circulation, from cloaking the Good Book in blue denim to selling it in a variety of flavors — strawberry, licorice, vanilla, etc. — all aimed at reaching the contemporary youth. But the biggest boost has been the by-product of making the Bible easier to understand and to read. In the long run this has attracted by far the largest number of young readers.

Of course, that's what William Tyndale had in mind when he brought out the first printed English New

Testament — to make it available to the folks who weren't able to read it. So it's really no coincidence that the fastest selling Bible on the market today — The Living Bible — is published by a company called Tyndale House, which recently ran its 12-month copy off the press.

Thus, while the Thomas Nelson Co. has as its slogan "Nelson Bibles are bound to be better," and finds blue denim its hottest cover, Tyndale House has its Living Bible listed in Publishers Weekly magazine as the best selling non-fiction book of 1972.

Young people continue to have a lot to do with the rise in Bible sales — up 20 per cent across the board this year. They're starting Bible study groups in ever-increasing numbers and providing the challenge to their elders to follow their lead.

The Living Bible is a paraphrased translation which has changed many of the conventional patterns of Bible

distribution and reading. Tyndale House maintains, however, that it has taken its share of the Bible market from the mass of people who yearn to understand what the Book is saying to them.

Tyndale puts out a full paperback Bible called The Way. Each book of this Bible is introduced with contemporary photographs of young people, couples with relevant comments. For instance, Ecclesiastes is prefaced by a photograph of a young woman standing by a souped-up Volkswagen.

New Testament versions of The Living Bible include one for young people called Reach Out, and one for blacks, called Soul Food. Each utilizes

the photographs and pertinent copy which makes it a book of practical use.

The next market The Living Bible will try for is women. Paul Mouw, advertising manager for Tyndale, pointed out that "women control most of the money and they're interested in passing on the faith to their children."

The Living Bible got off to a slow start 11 years ago, with practically everybody predicting it wouldn't sell. Then Billy Graham decided to use it on his television show as a free offer. It's been going great ever since, and is a big item in J. C. Penney stores, Macy's and many other secular outlets.

## Today's Youth

### Powerline Counselor Is "Ann Landers In Trousers"

Dr. J. P. Allen, director of Audience Response for the Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth, Tex., has acquired a new title with his counseling job — "Ann Landers In Trousers" — from the thousands of young people who write.

In fact, wrote one girl, "I think you're better than Ann, or Abby. I wrote them letters and they didn't answer. You did, and your advice was good. Thank you."

Dr. Allen was president of the Commission's board of trustees and pastor of Broadway Baptist Church when he joined the Commission staff in 1970.

People write with their problems to one of the agency's four radio programs — "Powerline," "Master Control," "Country Crossroads," or "The Baptist Hour." The bulk of the counseling letters which Dr. Allen answers are from "Powerline," however, and this is the program which consistently generates more Christian decisions, too.

"Those who write are in doubt, or grief, or sin, or trouble," Dr. Allen says. "Most have no pastor, no parental communication, no moral resources, no real spiritual environment."

"I dare anyone to contrive a situation that did not come across my desk last year, or will not tomorrow. You wouldn't believe the drama locked in our files."

"Each letter represents a need. That is our first obligation. Our motive is to help the correspondent and we address ourselves to him as a first claim on us."

In order to effectively deal with the sometimes intricate legal or medical problems, Dr. Allen seeks specialized help from doctors, lawyers and teachers.

"We then write straightforward and honest letters, coming quickly to the point without much preamble. We want each person to sense a personal involvement with a complete absence of any form letter," he says.

"I have been equipped for this job through all my years in the pastorate. I have always liked and enjoyed young people and youth. One of my few joys

in this modern era is that I am not cynical. I don't mind the young people. I like the difference in them."

"I try to give them counsel. A basic premise with us is that a need expressed merits the best thing we have to offer. We do not use people's needs just as a method to get them," stated Dr. Allen.

Dr. Allen observed that this job as mail counselor is much broader than it was as a pastor. "I get the question about how to be saved 15 times a week, sometimes that often in one day, and every time I get to talk about Jesus. The mission possibilities of this agency are fantastic. We stand in a unique position at this Commission. We deal with a few million people, at a time and the Holy Spirit has some chance to work. Most people do not realize the power of our preaching potential and the ministry being performed every week."

The "Powerline" columns now being produced by Dr. Allen are directly from the counseling ministry in which he is literally immersed. These columns will give their readers some insights into the problems of youth and guidance to solutions to them.

"Powerline," the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission's rock music program for teenagers and young adults, has earned an excellent time slot on WLS Radio, a 50,000 watt clear channel Chicago outlet. The show is now heard at 10 p.m. on Sundays and at 5:30 a.m., for the early risers on Saturdays.

WLS Radio, one of the most powerful top-40 music stations in the midwest, was among the first stations to accept "Powerline" when it was initially offered in 1969. The station has consistently produced more audience response mail than any other station which carries the program — even when broadcast time was 4:30 a.m.

### Rambling "Rec" In San Antonio

With an old converted trailer, the young people of First Baptist Church of San Antonio, Tex., conduct a six-day-a-week summer recreation and inspiration program in city neighborhoods. Everything from checkers to basketball to tennis to snow cones is offered, with a "religious" puppet show thrown in.

Crowds range from 20-40 kids, mostly 9-14 years old. The wagon has been particularly effective in areas where the church runs Sunday bus routes and in the neighborhoods around the church's missions. Many churches use the winter months to explore the possibilities of summer ministries; First Church of San Antonio has a good portion ready to go with its Game Wagon.

NASSAU, Bahamas — Baptist young people in the Bahamas will have a new opportunity to have an active church youth program due to the creation of the Baptist Young People's Fellowship at a recent Bahamas Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention meeting.

Sundays and 5:30 a.m. Saturdays. WLS Radio's Alan Rosen reports that the station covers some 133 counties in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin during the daylight hours.

"At 10 p.m. when 'Powerline' is aired, WLS Radio covers some 45 states and most of Canada," he said.

That's exciting coverage for a show that is already heard on 788 radio stations across the United States.

The "Powerline" format features music from the top-40 tunes. Song lyrics are used as a springboard to discuss the problems of today's young people from a Christian perspective.

Listeners are urged to write for copies of the comments and for answers to personal problems. Listener response to "Powerline" averages more than 5,000 letters per month and arrives from every state in the nation.

Dr. Paul M. Stevens is president of the Radio and Television Commission.

### FCC Grants Radio Permit To William Jewell

LIBERTY, Mo. (BP) — William Jewell College has been granted a permit by the Federal Communications Commission in Washington to begin construction of a 10-watt non-commercial FM educational radio station. The schedule calls for broadcasts from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., beginning Jan. 28, with daily sportscasts, campus news, the broadcast of an academic course each semester and a wide variety of music.



### Dallas Cowboy?

No, that isn't a new Dallas Cowboy defensive tackle — yet — But Cowboy running back Robert Newhouse, left, may have a teammate some day. It's Brad Sommerkamp, 6-2, 218-pound seventh grader at Hotchkiss Elementary School in Dallas, where he plays offensive end and defensive tackle. Brad, 13, helped lead his team to a 6-1 record this year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Sommerkamp. His father is associate public relations director for the Southern Baptist Annular Board. (BP) — PHOTO by Dallas Times-Herald



### "The Common Good" To Sing In State

"The Common Good," Christian singing group from Louisiana College, Pineville, La., will present "Alleluia," a praise gathering for believers at State Boulevard Church, Meridian at 7:30, January 14. They will also present this program at the evening worship services at Petal-Harvey Church in Petal on January 13 and at First Church, Long Beach, on January 16. "The Common Good" is directed by Glen Barnard.

## News Briefs

### "This Service Station Open Every Sunday"

RICHLAND, Wash. (BP) — Richland Baptist Church here took note of the gasoline shortage and the Sunday closing of increasing numbers of service stations and came up with a unique reminder for passing motorists.

Cecil Sims, the pastor, posted a sign to remind residents that the church is open for Sunday business, according to an Associated Press report. Sims' message to persons passing the church is simply — "This Service Station Open Every Sunday."

### Oldham Foundation Gives Million To Churches

ATLANTA (BP) — The Oldham Little Church Foundation of Houston has given more than \$1 million through the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to 394 small mission churches.

The financial bequest, largest single gift to churches through the mission agency, involves the transfer of business property, located near downtown Houston, to the Home Mission Board.

"This will strengthen our efforts in church extension for some years to come, for it will enable us to utilize the earnings from this property for continuing assistance to small churches," said Home Mission Board executive, Arthur B. Rutledge, in accepting the gift on behalf of the churches.

The Oldham Foundation, established in 1949 by Houston dairyman Morris C. Oldham, a Southern Baptist, and continued by his widow in 1955, concentrates its assistance to small evangelical Protestant churches.

### Voodooism, Desecration Of Churches In Florida

MIAMI (RNS) — Religious leaders and others in south Florida are concerned over recent bizarre incidents of voodooism, and the desecration of suburban churches by Satan worshippers who perform "sexual black masses."

Satan-worshipping cultists have broken into churches in the Fort Lauderdale area six times since Easter, according to police.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance church was broken into and vandalized in September by someone who signed the guest book "Satan."

Cultists caused \$1,800 damage to the Blessed Sacrament Catholic church in August when they smashed a tabernacle and looted a display case of religious articles.



### Harding College Student Is Killed By Arab Terrorists

SEARCY, Ark. (RNS) — A sophomore at Harding College here, a school of the Churches of Christ, was among the 32 victims of the Arab terrorist attack on a jetliner in Rome.

Jane Kirby, an elementary education major, was traveling with her brother, Randall, a senior majoring in physical education at Harding. They were en route to a reunion with their parents in Saudi Arabia, where their father, Dewie Kirby, is employed by the Arabian American Oil Company.

When the guerrillas' incendiary bombs exploded inside the aircraft, the brother and sister were separated. Randall survived with a concussion, but indicated that he did not remember what happened.

### MC Students In NY Mission Project

A group of students from Mississippi College are in New York January 1-15, taking part in a mission project. The trip is being sponsored by the Baptist Student Union of the college, Bradley Pope, director.

The students are involved there in the following areas of ministry: music, evangelistic teams, puppet ministry, and construction work.

### Missionaries

Missionaries go from here to there Telling about Jesus, everywhere. If you were a missionary and loved Jesus so, Where do you think you would go— London, England or Memphis, Tennessee? It really doesn't matter to Jesus, you see. If you love Jesus as much as you say, You will be doing something for Him this day. —Tammy Hall, age 12

## POWERLINE A Straight Line to Teens

Dr. J. P. Allen, Director, Audience Response

### HOW CAN I TELL THAT JESUS ISN'T A FAKE

Many 16-year-olds today ask questions which I, at that age, did not know existed. They are exposed to more information and opinions and consequently have more doubts. Doubts are not fatal; indeed they may become avenues of learning and conviction.

How can I tell that Jesus isn't a fake? Never sinned! I can't believe that. How can I tell he wasn't a wise man from the future or another planet who knew how to make a few people well? Also, why should I believe what is written in a Bible? I think it's a boring book that some men put together. How do I know that the Bible isn't a philosophy made up by people?

You cannot afford to be shocked by such questions. The Christian faith is not intimidated by interrogation or accusations.

A century ago critics were making concerted attacks to prove that the Bible was full of errors. As a result scholars took a new look at the Scriptural text. Archaeology threw fresh light on the language and its meanings. In recent times the debate has largely been resolved. There's very little controversy today about the matter. There remains some dispute about how to interpret specific passages, but this is always so with any document.

The Bible is a true record of a special revelation God made in history. It was written by men who were "breathed into" by God. We call this inspiration. They wrote it in their own language and used their own imagery. They used parable and poetry and prophecy and history to express what they saw and thought and heard. It has been demonstrated that the Bible is correct in its facts, and Christian experience indicates that it is correct in its presuppositions. We are expected, as with any writing, to use an intelligent and sympathetic attitude to listen to what it says and understand what it means by what it says.

One of the ways you can find more interest in the Bible is to read it in the newer versions. There is one in particular that was done with the motive of helping young people understand God's Word. I am enclosing one book of that paraphrase and, if you like it, get yourself a Living Bible.

POWERLINE is a 30-minute program for teens produced by Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission and carried by 771 stations. Write for a station list, Box 12157, Fort Worth, Texas 76116.

## Deadline Is February 15 For Sojourner Applications

By Toby Druhn

ATLANTA — Deadline for application for participation in the first year of the Home Mission Board's new Sojourner ministry is Feb. 15.

The Sojourner project is an attempt to enlist high school students between their junior and senior years or high school graduates under 25 in missions

Sojourners will serve 10-week terms in the case of the students or one year with option to renew for another year in the case of the graduates. The project is strictly a voluntary effort with the Sojourner and his or her home church or parents paying

all transportation and living expenses. The Home Mission Board through its Department of Special Mission Ministries will serve only as liaison between the student and the place of service and will assume no financial obligation.

Clay Price, missionary associate who is directing the project, said volunteers for placement as Sojourners should be mature Christians, active in a Baptist church with a definite interest in missions. They must be single and have good physical, mental and emotional health, unquestionable character and have parents' approval.

Types of work Sojourners will engage in include general assistance to churches, such as vacation Bible schools, surveys, visitation, youth work, camps, day care and mission centers, recreation programs, resort ministries and language groups.

Sojourners will be assigned to their home states or to adjoining states in most instances, although it will be possible for more distant assignments. The Sojourner project was announced last fall. Price said he had been pleased with the response.

"Everyone I have talked to has been enthusiastic," he said. Some 30 students and about 20 pastors and

youth directors immediately responded to the announcement. Price has also corresponded with 250 churches which have sponsored mission youth groups.

"We are hoping to involve anywhere from 10 to 30 persons in the project next summer," he said. "If we get that many we think we will have gone well."

Persons interested in serving as Sojourners or churches interested in utilizing their services should contact Sojourners, Department of Special Mission Ministries, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring St. N. W., Atlanta, Ga. 30309.



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# Sent From God—Light For The Blind

**John 8:12-20; 9**  
**By Clifton J. Allen**  
The writer of John, in the opening verses of the Gospel, identifies Christ as the light which came into the world. But few people recognized him as the true light of God. And thus, the tension between belief and unbelief began. This tension runs throughout the Gospel. We should keep in mind the connection between Jesus' revelation of himself as the Water of life, the Bread of life, and the Light of the world. He is the means of the eternal life which he imparts to men. He came into a world darkened by ignorance of the true God and false understanding of the nature and purpose and ways of God. He came into a world blinded by legalistic concepts of religion and by unbelief in himself as the Messiah sent from God.

**The Lesson Explained From Blindness To Sight Verses 1-7**  
To the disciples this man born blind posed a theological problem. They thought that sin accounted for his misfortune. Was it his sin or the sin of his parents? But for Jesus the man was an opportunity. His blindness was not to be identified with a particular sin or sin in general; he was an opportunity for God's power to be made manifest by Christ in healing. By healing the man born blind Jesus proved the reality of his claim, "I am the light of the world." The means Jesus chose, taking spittle and clay to make a paste to rub on the man's eyes and then telling him to go and wash in the pool of Siloam was an accommodation to the commonly held view that saliva had healing properties. Jesus thus encouraged the man in the exercise of faith. The man

went and washed and saw. The miracle was another sign: Jesus was all that he claimed to be — from heaven, the Son of God, the light and life of men.  
**The Witness Of Experience**  
The neighbors were surprised to see the one who had been a beggar, and always blind, now able to see. They even argued as to his identity. The man called Jesus had done something

to him; and now he could see. The Pharisees were quick to condemn Jesus for breaking the sabbath by healing the man. The man's condition involved no emergency endangering life. How pathetic their prejudice and how depraved their hostility! When they asked the healed man his opinion, he declared, "He is a prophet." And then the enemies of Jesus tried to involve the parents of the blind man. They

were afraid of being excommunicated from the synagogue and would not even take sides with their son.  
The dialogue that followed between the Pharisees and the healed man is full of humor. They repeated their charge that Jesus was a sinner. The one thing he did know was, "I was blind, now I see." When the Pharisees still persisted in asking about what had taken place, he chided them with their refusal to acknowledge the reality of the miracle and clear evidence that Jesus was doing the work of God.

**Light Or Darkness Verses 35-41**  
What a contrast in the attitude of the Pharisees and that of Jesus! He found the man who had been cast out, revealed himself more fully to him, and expressed his compassion and friendship. The man had progressed from thinking of Jesus as the man to a prophet to one who had come from God and who acted in the power of God. Now Jesus confronted him with the necessity for believing in himself as the Son of man and then declared himself to be the Son of man. To this the healed man responded with the affirmation of faith, "Lord, I believe," and with the devotion of worship. The healed man was willing to believe; he therefore received sight, the sight which meant life and light forever. But the Pharisees were unwilling to see. Their darkness was the willful rejection of light. Because they were blinded by their pride and enmity and unbelief, their guilt remained. They were not willing to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah sent from God, so that they were doomed to the blindness of moral and spiritual darkness.

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Who Can Forgive Sins?

**Mark 2: 1-17**  
**By Bill Duncan**  
The news was everywhere. Jesus Christ was at Peter's house. People all over Galilee were interested in Him. They had discovered that he offered something to them. His teachings were so plain that the people could understand the truth He expressed. The people were interested in him because He was concerned with the needs of the people and never turned his back on any person who came to Him seeking help. This kind of news travels far and fast.  
When the people knew that Jesus was in Capernaum, they soon filled the house. Those that came later had to remain outside and strain to hear what Jesus had to say. What a difference when a speaker has something to say. That is the reason every word that was recorded and preserved in the Bible is so meaningful. If your heart is hungry, you can get some of the same by reading Jesus' words from the Gospels.  
There were three miracles that day that can still be seen and remembered. But they can be miracles today, if we would allow our faith to reach out to God.

**THE MIRACLE OF REMEMBRANCE**  
At least one man in Capernaum had an excuse for not going to hear Jesus preach. He had four friends who were going to hear Jesus. One of them might have said, "Wouldn't it be great if Johnny could go with us?" Poor Johnny! There he lay at home so crippled he couldn't walk. They were concerned. But concern is cheap. It is easy to be concerned.  
If we are going to reach people for Christ we're going to have to take another step beyond concern, and that is what the four from Capernaum did. Love or compassion will get you where the need is. Concern just talks about it.  
It was conviction that caused the four to carry the paralyzed man to Jesus who could heal him. Spirituality and maturity are not measured by what you don't do, but by what you do. They believed that Jesus could help their friend.

When the four arrived on the scene, the yard was full of people and the house was running over. They were not about to give up simply because there was a crowd. They had courage. Somehow they got on the roof with their friend and tore open an opening to let their friend down to where Jesus was. That takes courage. Concern, compassion, conviction and courage resulted in a miracle in the lives of the four who carried their friend to Jesus.  
A miracle like that will cost you. Bob McKee said, "The Capernaum caper cost the four cool teenagers something: like comfort (they didn't get in) effort (John wasn't light and the roof was tough), popularity (the mayor, Pharisees, homeowners and citizens were buggy - but later I'll bet they were the local heroes), and money (I think next morning five boys went down to the Capernaum Hardware, got some tile, clay, and Elmer's glue and fixed a certain hole in a roof; but was it worth it? Ask Johnny!"

**THE MIRACLE OF HELP**  
What were the first words that Jesus spoke to the five? He did not rebuke them for disturbing the meeting because he realized that people are more important than sermons. "When Jesus saw their faith" gives us the key that unlocks the power of God. Until we express what faith we have, we cannot expect Him to use His power.  
Matthew points out that Jesus' first words were "Son, be of good cheer" (Matt. 9:2). Christ speaks to give him hope and inspiration. The first step in healing the man was to cure his sense of hopelessness.  
The most important need that the paralyzed man had was not physical but spiritual. The Jews had said that a sick man was a man with whom God was angry. This may not be true. But they would agree that forgiveness of sin was a prior condition of cure. Some believe that a consciousness of sin had actually produced the paralysis. The first thing Jesus said

was, "Child, God is not angry with you. It's all right." The burden of the terror of God and the estrangement from God rolled from his heart, and that fact made the cure all but complete.  
"Thy sins be forgiven thee," were the words spoken by Jesus that pronounced the real miracle. Even if the man's body had remained crippled, his soul was released from its fear and bondage of his sin.  
This is the most important thought of the story. Jesus' claim to forgive sin must be true: Jesus was speaking as God and for God. The claim of Messiahship was spoken in John 10:30, "The Father and I are one." Jesus literally brought to men God's forgiveness upon earth.

Who can forgive sin? Both Jew and Christian agree that only God can forgive sin. It is only in the power of men to bring men to God so that He can forgive them.  
The error of the religious leaders lay in the fact that they would not recognize Jesus as the Messiah of God. The onlookers had more insight than their religious leaders. The religious leaders and most of the people were looking for a Messiah that would be a politico - military figure.

**THE MIRACLE OF HEALTH**  
The miracle of health to a paralyzed body was the physical proof to show that his words were effective.  
So Jesus said in effect: "You say that I have no right to forgive sins? You hold as a matter of belief that if this man is ill he is a sinner and he cannot be cured till he is forgiven? Very well, watch this!"  
In their own logic the man could not be cured, unless he was forgiven. He was cured, therefore he was forgiven. This left the doubters completely baffled. In this moment Jesus signed his own death warrant. If this went on all of the orthodox religion would be shattered and destroyed.  
Jesus always tried to meet physical needs wherever he found them. The miracle of health was as John said "that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." But each miracle was used by God to demonstrate what God was like in Christ. The miracle got the attention of people. But the one performing the miracle is a hero. But when people realized that he was God-man, they believed in him as the Christ sent from God to show God's love and provide the atonement for their sins. Miracles are important in the Bible. But God who gives the power is most important.

**Called To Bethel**  
Rev. Douglas Benedict has accepted the call as pastor of Bethel Church in Bogue Chitto. He is a 1971 graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla. and graduate from William Carey College in 1973 where he is in charge of security and grounds. Doug is married to the former Gail Warring of Orange Lake, Fla. They have three children.

**Ministers' Wives Send Gifts To Whitfield**  
The Ministers' Wives Association of Clinton met in December in the home of Mary Ainsworth for their traditional Christmas party. Members exchanged homemade gifts; also they donated gifts to the Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield.

**PENANG, Malaysia** — The graduation exercises of the Malaysia - Singapore Baptist Theological Seminary here were televised as 11 men and women received diplomas. The 1973 graduating class, the largest in the school's 20 year history, brought the number of alumni of the school to 52. According to Mrs. Stockwell B. Sears, missionary press representative, all of the new graduates are employed by Baptist churches in Malaysia and Singapore.  
The only way to entertain some folks is to listen to them.

## Missionaries On Furlough

Mississippi missionaries now on furlough are listed below. They may be contacted for speaking engagements at the addresses given.  
**Mr. and Mrs. James P. Gilbert** (Ecuador), 208 East Main St., Clinton, Ms. 39056; **Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy J. Hartfield** (Mexico), 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson, Ms. 39204; **Miss Cornelia Leavell** (Hong Kong), 208 S. Washington Avenue, Starkville, Ms. 39759; **Mr. and Mrs. Bobby G. Magee** (Chile), Route 5, Tyertown, Ms. 39667; **Mr. and Mrs. John W. Merritt** (Germany), P. O. Box 591, Waynesboro, Ms. 39367; **Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Simon** (Uganda), 715 East Northside Drive, Jackson, Ms. 39206; **Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Thurman** (Bangladesh), 921 Jackson Ave., Columbia, Ms. 39429.

## Penn-Jersey Picks Queen As Editor

**HARRISBURG, Pa. (BP)** — A. C. Queen has been named director of the newly created division of communication and promotion for the (Southern) Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania - South Jersey, including duties as editor of the Penn-Jersey Baptist, the convention's official journal.  
Queen, 58, current superintendent of missions in Southern Oregon for the Northwest Baptist Convention (which covers Oregon, Washington and Western Canada), will also be responsible for the evangelism, stewardship, promotion and Brotherhood work with Baptist Men and the Royal Ambassador boys organization.  
G. W. Bullard, the convention's executive secretary, has been editing the Penn-Jersey Baptist.

## Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Jan. 11

The Second Annual Mayor's Community Prayer Breakfast will be held Friday, January 11, at 7:30 a.m., Olympic Room, Heidelberg Hotel, Jackson.  
The speaker is to be Senator Harold Hughes of Iowa. Tickets are \$3.00 and can be purchased at the downtown Jackson branch of Deposit Guaranty National Bank and First National Bank.

## Janice Church Installs Heat, Air

November was a busy month at Janice Church. They installed central heat and air, and now only owe about one-third on it. They also purchased communion table cloths, in honor of Mrs. I. A. Garraway, Sr. Mrs. Garraway has always been a faithful member and has always furnished the table cloths in the past.  
Henry McCordle came by statement in November to join the Janice Church. "Uncle Henry" is 90 years "young."  
On Wednesday nights the church members recently studied the book of Titus.  
They had 16 persons to attend M Night at Beaumont. Janice was in second place in attendance there, receiving the plaque that was given.  
The Sunday School Superintendent, Lucky Cooley — and the Church Training Director, Ben Patrick, sponsored a chicken supper for all of the teachers and workers.

**Hollandale Cantata**  
Hollandale Church celebrated the Christmas season with THE PRINCE OF PEACE cantata, directed by Hollandale music director, Sammy Crawford. Hollandale Baptist choir was joined by the Hollandale Methodist choir in the presentation. Mrs. Hubbard T. Saunders was narrator and Mrs. David Holland and Mrs. Marcus Treadway, pianist and organist, Rev. Max R. Parker is pastor.

## Rev. C. M. Grayson Dies At Magee

Funeral services for Rev. C. M. (Sonny Boy) Grayson, 50, of Magee were held on Sunday, Dec. 9, from Mims Mitchell Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Barney Walker, Rev. Giles Hankins, Rev. N. H. Smith and Rev. Ford Parker officiating. Interment was in Sharon Cemetery.  
Mr. Grayson died on Dec. 7, at Magee General Hospital after a lengthy illness. He had been a prominent Baptist minister and had pastored several churches in the area. He was a member of Athens Baptist Church.  
Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Nellie Grayson of Magee; one son, Gary Grayson of Magee; three daughters, Mrs. Ray Wyatt and Mrs. Eugene Blair, both of Magee, and Bobby Myers of Jackson; four brothers, three sisters, and six grandchildren.

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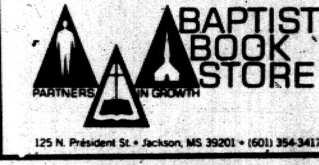
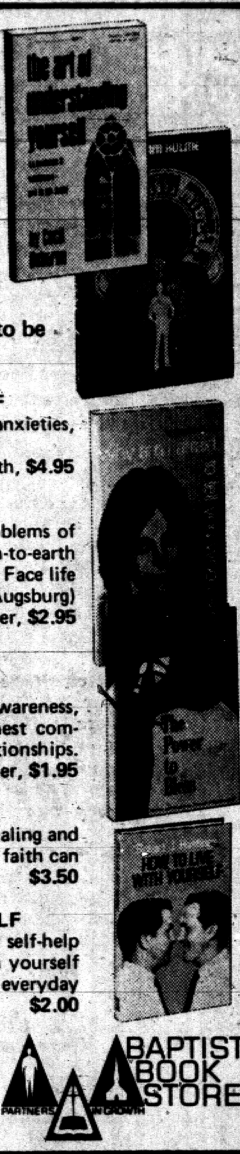
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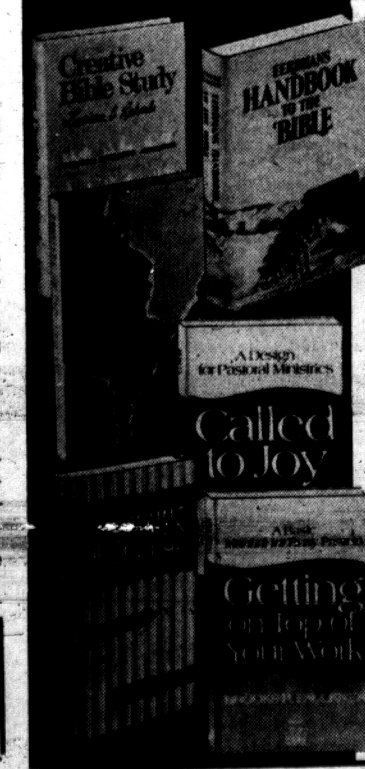
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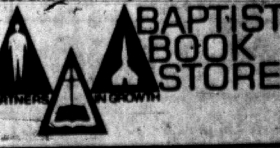
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## Devotional

## Photograph As You Go

By Dick Brogan, director  
Department of Work with National Baptists, MBOB

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it (Psalms 118:24). So then do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will worry about itself. Its own troubles are quite enough for the day (Matthew 6:34, Barclay)

These words found on a sign advertising photography and equipment speak volumes: "Photograph as you go, for you may never pass this way again."

"We should have loaded the camera!" "You ought to take a picture of this!" "Did you bring your camera?" Any of these words sound familiar?

Three thousand people were polled on what they were living for. The result — 94% were simply enduring the present "waiting for the future."

How much of life is robbed by worry? The zest and celebration of existence is often dulled because of preoccupation with anticipated ghosts around the corner. Did you ever try to postpone the present? Most of us spend too many of our moments either in the past or future tenses. Life is packed between the layers of what has been and what will be.

The Christian life-style places accent upon the now. The tension of salvation is that one is Christian and that he is becoming Christlike. The now is the laboratory from which goodness or evil becomes flesh. James Montgomery's "Today" verbalizes the necessity of photographing life as it happens:

Today is added to our time,  
Yet while we sing, it glides away;  
How soon shall we be past our prime;  
For where, alas! is yesterday?  
Gone—gone into eternity:  
There, every day in turn appears;  
Tomorrow—O 'twill never be,  
If we should live a thousand years!  
Our time is all today, today,  
The same, though change; and while it flies,  
With still small voice the moments say,  
"Today, today, be wise, be wise!"

## Goodwater Begins Construction

Goodwater Church, Magee (Simpson) has begun construction on a new educational building. The new wing will include a multipurpose fellowship hall and kitchen. It will also house additional classrooms. The design of the building is the result of the work of Dennis Conniff, Church Architecture Consultant of Jackson, James Bryant of Mendenhall, architect, and the church building committee.

The completion of this building will be part of the church's celebration of its eighty-sixth anniversary in the Spring of 1974. The church's new pastor, pictured, Rev. L. Daniel Watts, is leading the church during

this strategic period of its ministry. Mr. Watts resigned from the staff of the Baptist Men's Rescue Mission in New Orleans to accept the pastorate of the Goodwater Church. He assumed his duties at the church on September 26.

A native of Jackson, he is married to the former Vicky Swearingen of Yazoo City.

GEORGETOWN, Guyana — An art exhibit, prepared by Mrs. Manget Herrin, missionary to Guyana, was in keeping with the spirit of the recent evangelism conference of the Baptist Cooperative Convention of Guyana during which it was displayed.

Learn to enjoy little things — there are so many of them.

Always speak well of your enemies — remember you made them.

Ecru Goes \$600 Over LM Goal In One Day;  
Regular Gifts \$500 Over Budget, Same Day

For the second year running, the Ecru Church has gone over their Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions in one day.

For 1973 the Offering Goal was \$1,500. Plans were adopted and the necessary announcements made and December 9 was "Mission Demonstration Day." On that day the congregation was given the opportunity to come to the altar and place their mission offering in the "Gift Box." After Scripture reading, special music, and a prayer of thanksgiving and of dedication, the congregation brought their gifts. An immediate count was taken and before time for the morning message the counters returned with the announcement that \$1,930.51 had been given.

There was no special time of mission giving during the evening service, but in the evening offering an additional \$211.00 was given to missions. This made the offering for the one day \$2,141.51.

Above this special offering, the regular plate offering for the day was \$1,281.62, far above the weekly budget need of \$791.67. This made the total offering for the day \$3,423.13, and far above the expectation of everyone. Sunday School attendance for the day was 139.

Praise and Thanksgiving are being given by the congregation for this wonderful demonstration of missionary giving and concern. It is believed that even more will be given to missions and the final count will be above that which is reported.



Pictured are the table arrangement and Lottie Moon Gift Box at Ecru Church. Left to right are Rev. Charles Stubbfield, pastor; Melvin Nesbit, Brotherhood director; and Mrs. Darnell Browning, WMU director.

NBC And SBC Radio And Television  
Commission Set Productions

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP) — "Discovery," the first of several joint religious productions by the National Broadcasting Company and the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, will be shown Feb. 3 on NBC stations.

The hour-long special will feature historical sites in the Holy Land sacred to three major religions — Christianity, Judaism and Islam. Scenes include the desert areas through which Abraham and Moses wandered, Mount Sinai where the Ten Commandments were given to mankind, the caves of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, the Jordan River, the shores of the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Olives, Calvary, the Masada where 960 Jews chose death over slavery and the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, sacred to Islam.

"Discovery" was produced by Doris Ann, director of religious programming for NBC, with photography by Joseph Vadala.



## Pearson To Build Family Life Center

Pearson Church in Pearl recently held a groundbreaking service, beginning construction on a \$90,000 Family Life Center which will house a gymnasium and three educational departments. Pictured are Rev. Arnold Norsworthy, pastor, Building Committee Chairman Albert Hudson, and building committee members J. C. Gipson, Albert Moore, Dave Falkner and Lamar Varner. Not pictured are committee members Gus Valentour and Mickey Corban.

Yugoslav Baptists, Others  
Adopt WIN Brochure

LANGESUND, Norway (BP) — The Baptist Union of Yugoslavia has printed the first edition of an evangelistic brochure which is part of the Southern Baptist - developed WIN (Witness Involvement Now) lay evangelism program.

Gunter Wieske, chairman of the European Baptist Evangelism Committee, based in Langesund, Norway, said the brochure, "How to Have a Full and Meaningful Life," has already been produced in Finland and West Germany and that Baptists of Norway "are preparing for the same step."

"Lay evangelism seems to be one of the major areas in which Baptists of different countries can cooperate," Wieske said. "The process of gathering our own European experiences has just started. The first results are already very promising."

"If a nation expects to be both ignorant and free, it expects what never was and never will be." — Thomas Jefferson

"Don't be afraid to ask dumb questions. They're easier to handle than dumb mistakes." — Lee R. Call, Star Valley (Wyo.) Call.

"A dime is not entirely worthless. It makes a fairly good screwdriver." — Willa M. Jenkins, The (Hermitage, Mo.) Index.

Off The  
Record

Wife to irate husband: "Normally I wouldn't dream of opening a letter addressed to you, but this one was marked 'private.'"

—Leslie Stark in Collier's

Real-estate man to couple in his office: "I do have something for five thousand — would you like to ride out and see if it's still standing?"

—Salo in The Saturday Evening Post

The first lie detector was made out of the rib of a man. No improvement has ever been made on the original machine.

He's an M. D. but he's terribly absent-minded. The day he got married, when the time came to place the ring on his wife's finger, he felt her pulse and asked her to stick out her tongue.

My sister was helping our little brother make a telephone call. With her guidance, he dialed the number and awaited an answer. After several rings it was evident that no one was at home. He was told to hang up. In a desperate attempt to gain a little more time he piped up, "Wait! I think I can hear someone coming to the phone!"

Two thirds of our population now live in big cities; the other third are on the expressways.

Two dollar pork chops have the hogs eating high on us.

If there had been water pollution in the time of Johann Strauss, he would have written the Brown Danube Waltz.

A student in comparative religions wrote on his examination paper: "The Christians can have only one wife. This is called monotony."

Suitor: "Sir, I've been going with your daughter for five years." Father: "So?" "What do you want — a pension?"

A student who had become interested in Freud was asked by one of his classmates: "Tell me what's the difference between a psychotic and a neurotic?" The student scratched his head a moment before replying: "A psychotic thinks that two plus two makes five. A neurotic knows that two plus two makes four—but he just can't stand it!"

## Choctaw Is Home Board's First Indian Field Consultant



Frank Belvin

By Tim Nicholas

"Why should I ask an Anglo about an Indian when I can ask an Indian?" mused Oscar Romo, head of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Language Missions Department in Atlanta. So he transferred a career Indian missionary from local work in Oklahoma to the HMB's first national Indian field consultant.

Frank Belvin, a Choctaw Indian with twenty years experience relating to his people in the name of Christ, has begun consultation work on a nationwide basis. Any time Southern Baptists need a representative in Indian affairs, Belvin will do the job.

Belvin will acquaint the public with Indian work and consult with Baptist associations and state conventions to "show them how to expand or open work with the Indians." His office will remain at Okmulgee, Okla., where he formerly served as general missionary to the Creek and Seminole Indians.

"I'll run interference to get Baptists and Indians together," says Belvin, a respected leader among both white and red men. He's a member and has been president of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes (Choctaw, Cherokee, Creek, Seminole, and Chickasaw) — so named by the federal government — and which represents almost 100,000 Indians nationwide. He has also been Muscogee area vice-president of the National Congress of American Indians. And he was a presidentially appointed member of the National Council on Indian Affairs which was to promote Indian programs such as housing, getting land disputes settled, and helping Indians get jobs. "Two years ago I attended a meeting with former vice-president Agnew where he said

there is a 40 percent across the board unemployment of Indians," says Belvin.

Belvin joins another missionary field consultant, Carter Bearden, who is the HMB's specialist in deaf work. Bearden is deaf.

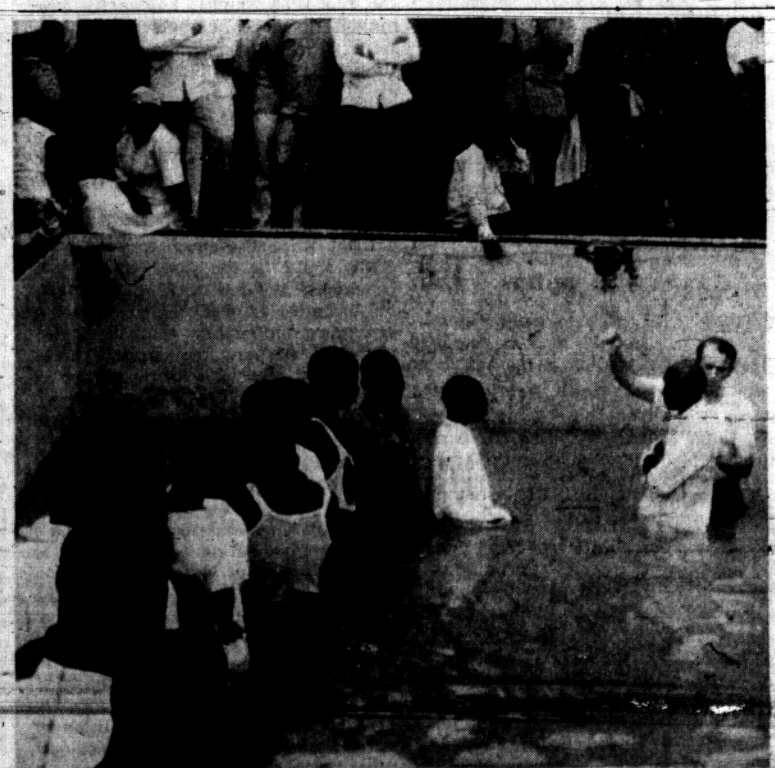
Romo, who's Language Missions Department supervises nearly one-half of the HMB's 2,200 missionaries, has special knowledge of ethnic work — he's Mexican-American. Of his four associates in the department, Daniel Sanchez is also Mexican-American, L. D. Wood and Irvin Dawson are Anglo and Elias Golonka is Polish. Each staffer and consultant adds personal knowledge and understanding of America's ethnic composition.

Belvin says that where there is a difference of opinion among Indians, he'll represent the general views of the elected tribal leaders. He's not worried about the possibility of being castigated for his religious affiliations. "In most cases Indians respect

religious leaders," says Belvin who holds the doctor of religious education degree from Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa. "Most of the Indian religions are good morally, but they lack Christ."

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Missionaries sometimes have unusual opportunities to use their talents. Robert A. Williams, music missionary to Honduras, recently found himself serving at the last minute as an accompanist in the home of the U. S. ambassador to Honduras, Philip Sanchez. Playing at a reception given by the ambassador for members of the diplomatic corps of Honduras, Williams accompanied soprano Sandra Pynes, a Texas artist whose husband is assigned as an advisor to the Honduran army.

One of the most difficult mountains to climb is the one that people make out of a molehill.



## 200 Baptized In Nigeria

ONITSHA, Nigeria — When missionary Miss Emogene Harris (Mississippi) asked Rev. Connie M. Bowers to baptize 35 candidates, little did they know that a local chaplain would hear of the baptismal service. But when the day of the service arrived, Bowers found nearly 200 soldiers and civilians at the officer's swimming pool awaiting baptism. It was a two-hour service, (photo by Richard Bowers. Later an evangelistic crusade was held in Onitsha, Nigeria. There were 694 decisions for Christ during this period.

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